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Column One
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IT is difficult to tell whether the proposed Turkey-Pakistan alliance made known on Friday will tie up a loose end or merely add to the tangle of pacts from which, one day, the world may be unable to extricate itself without a painful convulsion. The proposed instrument has been described as political, economic and cultural; but "including a defence clause." Turkey already has a treaty of friendship with Pakistan, which was described at the time as political, economic and cultural in purpose; and the defence clause included in the new treaty is the clause that matters. But how much does it matter?

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EVIDENTLY the new defence bond between the two countries was necessary before the United States could make armaments available to Pakistan under the military aid system already operating in Turkey; and it is generally agreed that American shipments to Karachi will begin as soon as possible after the new Turkey-Pakistan treaty is signed. Britain has become reconciled to the agreement and has, in fact, given its blessing to it. India will continue to oppose the plan to give military aid to Pakistan but probably will be unable to prevent it. Soviet Russia, no doubt, will send a rebuking note to Karachi and receive a reply to the effect that the arms are defensive only and not intended as a threat to anyone.

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BUT the open question is whether the new pact will be considered by its sponsors as having closed Turkey's flank or as being only the first step in a movement to close it. Between Turkey and Pakistan there is a big gap, which can be overlooked from the Caucasus and the Caspian. The gap could be filled, in theory at any rate, by fetching in Iraq and Persia as partners in the defensive alliance. To some extent it could be effectively closed with Iraq's partnership alone, relying then on the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Sea for the direct link with Karachi.

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THE British Government probably looks with disfavour on proposals to bring Iraq into the pact; for the effect of any such move might be to prize this steadily-prospering country out of the Arab group and even out of the British sphere of influence, leaving Egypt more determined than ever to work up a neutralist policy; and Jordan, Syria and Lebanon to revert to the status of political weaklings without real unity among themselves or within a larger Arab grouping. The reversion could, of course, take place anyway; and it was probably because of that risk, due to the failure of the Arab League to develop as a genuinely unifying instrument, that Fadil el-Jamali came out with realistic, but premature, proposals for federation at the recent meeting of the council of the Arab League in Cairo.

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THE Iraqi proposals are not popular. Egypt is apparently neutral on federation; Saudi Arabia unfriendly to it; Jordan divided about the question; Syria openly hostile. For that reason it is thought that Iraq may give up the idea of establishing its own security within an Arab system and look farther afield for a defensive alliance. At any rate, with a prosperous future to defend and as a near neighbour of the Soviet, with some anxiety about its strategic position, Iraq is said to be not unwilling to consider a defensive junction with Turkey on the one side and Pakistan on the other. One of its main difficulties is, of course, to know how first to overcome the effects of its own internal propaganda, which has created an exaggerated nationalism and a tendency to regard any alliance outside the Arab League, and especially when sponsored by the Western Powers, as a form of treachery.

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IN any event it is obvious that the Turkey-Pakistan pact can be little more, in its present form, than an excuse for giving Pakistan military aid and setting up bases against the likelihood of a wider alliance in the future. There is talk just now of soldering the Balkan Pact on to NATO; and if Turkey's flank were closed with a defensive system running unbrokenly from Tigris to Indus that alliance, too, would stand a good chance of being fixed to NATO. But you never can tell. It is an unpredictable world and the Middle East is one of the most unpredictable corners of it.

Jerusalem, February 22.

Turk Policy Unchanged By New Pact—Koprulu

ANKARA, Sunday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Fuad Koprulu said in a statement issued here last night that the projected pact with Pakistan would not involve Turkey in any change of policy towards any peace-loving country.

He said there would be no departure from Turkey's policy of impartiality towards disputed questions not concerning her directly, and no deviation from commitments under treaties with other nations.

Mr. Koprulu said the treaty would not be a military pact but would be designed to "strengthen peace and security in accordance with the international requirements of the two countries' geographic and political considerations."

He added that the pact would also aim at further prosperity, progress and mutual understanding. It would be open to all interested peace-loving nations and would not be directed against any well-disposed nation, the Foreign Minister said.

Mr. Koprulu declared that the two nations had opened negotiations because they were equally convinced that peace-loving nations determined to defend themselves against aggression must join their efforts.

Meanwhile, newspapers here today charged that the Soviet Union and Egypt are trying to hamstring the agreement.

An Ankara dispatch published in "The New York Times" today said that Turkey was being transformed from a purely defensive bastion into a springboard for offensive action in the event of aggression in either Europe or Asia.

Joint Efforts

It said "joint plans drafted in Belgrade last November by representatives of the Turkish, Greek and Yugoslav General Staffs call for Turkey's crack First Army, based on Thrace, to assume the offensive in case Yugoslavia or Greece is attacked through Soviet satellites."

In Karachi, the Moslem League newspaper, "Dawn" said the alliance initiated by agreement for closer collaboration between Pakistan and Turkey should grow wider. Calling the move "the biggest event of Moslem and even of world significance since the birth of Pakistan," the newspaper said it had fallen to these two countries to act as pioneers.

"But let there be no doubt," the daily continued, "that the eventual goal remains a wider one and our two countries are not thinking only of themselves. The alliance should grow wider as the benefits of such collaboration become clearer and its tangible results carry their own conviction to those who now prefer to temporise, or even to yield to unjustified misgivings."

(Reuter, UP)

Karachi Resents Nagib's Criticism

KARACHI, Sunday (UP). — Egyptian representatives here are seeking to assuage Pakistani resentment over reports that President Nagib had stated that U.S. military aid to Pakistan would be a "hostile act against the Arab countries."

Egyptian Ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Wahab Azam, who returned here on Friday from lengthy consultations in Cairo, said Nagib had been misquoted. He had received this assurance from Nagib on the eve of his departure for Karachi, the envoy said, but did not explain exactly what Nagib did say.

The Egyptian leader's statement, quoted on February 1 by Cairo Radio, was severely criticised by newspaper editorials here. The influential daily "Dawn" said: "There is little doubt that the Nagib regime has been persuaded to walk in the orbit of Pandit Nehru's influence... This makes it all the more necessary for strong countries flanking the region, like Turkey and Pakistan, who have a stronger grip on the realities of the international situation, to get together to play their part in its defence."

Meanwhile, it was announced here that Pakistan and the U.S. today signed an agreement under which the Foreign Operations Administration will contribute towards improving Karachi's water system. The U.S. will contribute $75,000 in the first year of a four-year programme.

Jamali Denies Iraq Will Join MEDO

The Iraqi Parliament broke up in an uproar yesterday following the violent speech of the Basra Member charging that Dr. Jamali's Cabinet had agreed to join the West-sponsored Middle East defence organisation, NEABS reports.

The House was discussing the reported overtures to Iraq by Turkey and Pakistan to get it to become a party to their treaty.

Dr. Jamali, in denying the charges, claimed that there was no longer such a thing as a Middle East defence project. But he asked Parliament to approve increased allocations for defence in order to enable the country to face "the grave dangers of Communism and Zionism."

The meeting of the Arab League Council scheduled for next week in Baghdad has been postponed indefinitely, owing to the uncertain political relationships between some Arab countries, NEABS adds.

80 Mau Mau Killed In Running Battle

NAIROBI, Sunday (Reuter). — Security forces killed at least 80 Mau Mau terrorists and captured 12 up to noon today in a running battle west of Fort Hall.

General Sir George Erskine, Commander-in-Chief East Africa, gave this figure here today on his return from the battle area.

The battle, already raging for 24 hours, is continuing and Gen. Erskine said the picture of the situation was not clear. It is the biggest battle of Kenya's 18-month-old emergency.

But the 80 terrorists confirmed dead were in addition to the 39 Mau Mau gangsters now known to have been killed in an attack on the Kandara police post in the Thika district on Thursday.

Gen. Erskine said the battle began yesterday morning after a government lorry had been ambushed and burned by a terrorist gang in a Kikuyu reserve a few miles west of Fort Hall.

Kashani Declared Possible Traitor

TEHERAN, Sunday (Reuter). — A Persian Government spokesman today attacked Abolghasem Kashani, religious and nationalist leader, as a hypocrite and possible traitor who was trying to upset an oil agreement with Britain.

The spokesman, General Abbas Farsanagan, said in a personal statement that Kashani was "depriving the poor of bread from God-given resources."

General Farsanagan, making the first official attack on Kashani, declared that "shops of demagogy" organised by Kashani and his like would be closed. He added that no immediate action was contemplated.

Told of Farsanagan's statement, Kashani commented, "I am not afraid of anything the Government might do. I have overthrown so many Prime Ministers — Abdul Hussein Hajir (assassinated in 1949), Ali Razmara (assassinated in 1951), Ghavam es Saltaneh (at present in exile) and Mohammad Mossadegh (imprisoned for treason)—and now it is Zahedi's turn."

The fiercely anti-British Moslem leader has accused the Government of General Fazlollah Zahedi of installing pro-British parliamentary deputies at bayonet-point.

The Senate (Upper House) election results officially announced last night showed complete defeat for the followers of Dr. Mohammad Mossadegh, who is now in prison awaiting his appeal against his sentence of three years' solitary confinement for treason.

Mossadegh himself was placed 142nd out of 200 candidates, but only the first 76 names have any significance, since they form the electoral college to choose the 15 who ultimately take Senate seats.

The 76 successful candidates for the electoral college bear a strong Royalist tinge and prominent tribunal (both are men experienced in British ways.

Indian 'Feelers' For Cease-Fire In Indo-China

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — India has sounded out other members of the Asian-African group at the U.N. about a possible appeal for a cease-fire in Indo-China, it was learned today.

Delegates to the world organisation were awaiting with more than usual interest the speech of Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, in Parliament tomorrow winding up the debate on foreign affairs.

It was thought likely that Mr. Nehru would refer to Korea and Indo-China in the light of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' recent agreement to hold a Far East conference with People's China and other interested states in Geneva.

Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, Indian U.N. delegate, welcoming last week the agreement on the Geneva meeting, said that the slaughter in Indo-China should be stopped.

It was Mr. Menon who drew up the formula in the U.N. which eventually solved the prisoner of war problem in Korea and led to the Armistice Agreement.

In Indo-China meanwhile, French military authorities reported today that the Vietminh advance on Luang Prabang, royal capital of Laos, has been decisively blocked.

French Party Threatens New General Elections

NANCY, Sunday (Reuter). — M. Henri Teitgen, a leader of the Popular Republican Party (MRP), said here today that if the National Assembly rejects the European Army plan his party will take the issue to the country by provoking the dissolution of parliament and forcing new general elections.

The MRP, a Catholic party and leading supporter of the European Army, is a strong prop of the Laniel coalition Government.

330 To Be Dismissed By Jewish Agency

About 330 more officials will be dismissed by the Jewish Agency as part of its plan to secure greater administrative efficiency, Dr. G. Josephthal, Treasurer, told the Budget Commission of the Zionist General Council on Friday, the Agency announced in Jerusalem yesterday.

The income of the Jewish Agency in all countries is satisfactory, he reported. The exception to the overall situation is the United States, where U.J.A. income in 1953 was 10% less than estimated and of which the Jewish Agency's share amounted to $42m.

The Jewish Agency would receive Israel pounds for the dollars obtained by the U.J.A. in the United States in connection with the plan to consolidate the State of Israel's short term debt he disclosed.

The negotiations on the reparations for heirless Jewish property in Germany, Jewish real estate in Berlin and Jewish securities confiscated by the Nazis still showed no progress.

The Financial Commission unanimously approved the Treasurer's report. The Commission will meet for further discussion after Dr. Josephthal's return from the United States. His forthcoming American visit is connected with U.J.A. business and the programme for Israel's debt consolidation.

Bonus For Keeping P.E.C. Shares

In order to induce shareholders in the Palestine Electric Corporation to retain their shares, an alternative proposal, guaranteeing an income-tax free annual dividend of 4% for 10 years, was signed by the Ministers of Development and of Finance on Friday, it was announced in Jerusalem yesterday.

The agreement applies only to holders of shares registered in London.

Such shareholders who give notification by December 1956, of their decision to retain their shares will be granted a bonus of 22 ft-shares for every 40 shares held, with the same dividend conditions applying.

It is understood that this bonus is designed to compensate shareholders who do not sell their shares. Those who sell have been offered 29 s. 6d. for every 20 shilling share. Those who retain their shares would thus be discriminated against. Accordingly, granting bonus of 22 shares for every 40, means in effect that they will receive more than those who sell.

As a further inducement to shareholders not to sell their shares now, they will be given the right to require the Government to buy their shares in 1956-57. In addition to the above, dividend they will benefit from special premiums.

BRITISH JEWS PLEDGE £530,000 FOR U.J.A.

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — A record-breaking £530,000 was pledged last night towards British Jewry's £3m. Joint Palestine Appeal campaign target at a gala banquet in Grosvenor House attended by over 1,000 guests and addressed by Israel Labour Minister Golda Myerson.

Mrs. Myerson said she was never prouder of Israelis than when they are prepared to face the utmost difficulties rather than halt development, "come what may."

Police were rushed to Woburn House, where Mrs. Myerson was addressing a Joint Appeal meeting today, after they received a telephone call saying that there was a bomb in the building. A search revealed nothing.

Mrs. Myerson is leaving for Glasgow tonight.

On Friday, on the eve of the campaign's launching, the Aguda Youth Movement called off its planned demonstrations against the Israel Women's National Service Law on the occasion of Mrs. Myerson's visit.

"In view of the communication addressed by Israel's Prime Minister this week to Chief Rabbi Herzog and his interview with Rabbi Lavin, and also in view of the negotiations in this matter now taking place in Jerusalem, the Aguda Youth Movement has decided not to proceed with its activities in regard to Mrs. Myerson's visit to this country."

Syria Hails Pact

DAMASCUS, Sunday (Reuter). — Plans for closer collaboration between Pakistan and Turkey were welcomed by the Syrian press today.

The morning papers "Alefba" and "Albinaa" said it was in Pakistan's interests to strengthen herself. Her relations with Arab countries and support of Arab causes would be unaffected, they said.

IN U.S. — $13M.

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, Sunday (INA). — The sum of $12.9m. was pledged today at the National Inaugural Conference of the United Jewish Appeal to 600 top Jewish community leaders towards the 1954 U.J.A. drive which was opened at the conference.

This is a substantial increase over the sum pledged last year at a similar conference here.

IGNORE McCARTHY, SAYS ARMY CHIEF

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens has instructed three army officers to ignore Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's request that they appear before his investigating sub-committee, it was learned last night.

Mr. Stevens' action set the stage for a showdown battle between the Army Secretary and the Wisconsin Republican over charges that the army has been coddling Communists.

Mr. McCarthy, a high army official reported, has "directed" Brigadier General R.W. Switzler, Commander of Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, and two of his subordinates, to appear before his sub-committee on Tuesday.

Bus Firms Delay Pact Signature

The fare increases granted to bus cooperatives have been delayed indefinitely, the Ministry of Communications announced yesterday.

This move follows the failure of the managements of the cooperatives to sign the agreement with the Ministry providing certain conditions which had been formerly approved, it was said. The delay was reportedly not connected with the amount of the fare increases.

The managers of the cooperatives are to meet today with the Minister of Communications, Mr. Joseph Saphir.

J'lem Municipality Refuses Fare Rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipal Council gave its unqualified approval last night to the Traffic Committee's refusal to cooperate with the Ministry of Communications in applying higher bus fares.

Dr. P. Yacobi, (Progressive), reiterated that the new rate should not be based on the present tariff, which already exacted higher fares in the Capital than anywhere else.

Councillors of every party, from Mapam to Herut, agreed that Hamekasher was abusing its concession by imposing charges beyond that permitted by the Government.

Entrusts Committee

The Council entrusted the Traffic Committee with taking action against the proposed rise, and urging the City's claims with the Minister of Communications.

The Municipality will go ahead with building a public *mikveh* (ritual bath), in Baka'a, although financial backing is not assured for construction beyond the first stage. Preparation of the ground has begun, and the Municipality, the Ministry for Religious Affairs and the League for Purity, have between them promised IL.39,000.

Left-wing Councillors pointed out that the initial stage, which only consists of ritual baths, would cost IL.180,000, and can hardly be afforded by the City while schools stand in urgent need of repair.

A squad of rate-collectors accompanied by police yesterday visited eight establisments which owed a considerable amount of business tax. All the defaulters paid on the spot.

Tax-collection will proceed until all the evaders have complied, and at the same time, the rate-collection team is thinning out those in arrears with property rates. Municipal revenue continues to rise gradually.

DAN WORKERS CANCEL STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The strike of the Dan bus cooperative's 600 hired workers, due to have taken place this morning, was called off by the local Labour Council when the cooperative undertook to pay its contribution to the workers' welfare fund.

The first payment, delayed nine months, has already been made, and the company has promised to contribute regularly in the future.

British Shippers Rap Restrictions At US Ports

LONDON, Monday (1 a.m.) (Reuter). — American armed guards have been placed on British ships calling at U.S. ports on voyages to the Far East, a shipping report said here today.

The report, drawn up by the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, said the guards were part of "ill-defined restrictions" imposed by the U.S. Government on ships trading with Far Eastern Communist ports.

U.S. naval cutters had also shadowed British ships from one American port to another. It was "almost incredible" that this should happen in peace-time, the report declared.

Comic Touch

"The drama was lightened by a comic touch when a British ship obligingly reduced speed to enable her United States shadow to keep on station."

Since last March, British shipowners had accepted licensing control as a precaution against British ships being used to carry strategic materials for foreign charterers. "The system worked smoothly and but for developments in America it would not have hindered owners in carrying on their legitimate trade in non-strategic materials with China," the report said.

Unfortunately, "repeated and hysterical denunciations" of this trade by Senator Joseph McCarthy were followed by U.S. Government restrictions which went far beyond those imposed by the British Government and beyond the terms of a United Nations huling."

The report will be presented to Chamber's annual meeting on Thursday.

3,000 Party Members Purged in Georgia

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The wave of Soviet high level purges in the outlying Republics has caught up with the party rank-and-file, according to a broadcast from Tiflis (Tbilisi) Radio, monitored in London today.

More than 3,000 members of the Communist party of Georgia — home state of Lavrenti Beria, the executed former Soviet secret police chief — were expelled during the past 17 months, the broadcast from the Georgian capital said.

The figure was quoted at a congress of the Georgian Communist Party held in Tiflis last week. The man who reported on the dismissals was a party leader who has emerged at the top from a series of purges which have rocked the Soviet Republic ever since Beria was arrested in June last year.

Time and again the party and state leadership has been reorganized. Now Mr. S. Mzhavanadze has emerged as First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Georgian Party.

"GROSS INSULT"

JOHANNESBURG, Sunday (Reuter). — Ex-Servicemen here today protested that a Government bill proposing an amnesty for people convicted of war-time high treason was "a gross insult" to all who took up arms for freedom.

Cabinet Approves Bill Authorizing IL.6m. Popular Loan Issue

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet laid some of the legal groundwork for the 1954/55 budget revenue at its weekly session in Jerusalem yesterday.

A Bill authorizing the issue of a new IL.6m. series of the Popular Loan (Milveh Amami) was approved for presentation to the Knesset. According to the Government spokesman, the terms for this series will be the same as the previous one. The series is allowed for in the Development Budget under the heading —International Loans (IL.25m. estimated). (The terms approved by the Knesset on August 11, 1950, for the Popular Loan were as follows: IL.25 bearer bonds to be issued for 25 years at 3% offering tax-free lottery prizes ranging from IL.50 to IL.25,000).

A Bill was approved to amend the Banking Ordinance to raise the annual registration fees of banks. Banks with paid-up capital of up to IL.100,000 will pay IL.1,000; up to IL.500,000 — IL.3,000 and up to IL.1m. — IL.4,000.

A number of amendments to tax laws were passed to the Economic Ministers' Committee for decision, the Government spokesman said. These include:

The agricultural property tax, which the new budget estimates at IL.800,000 in place of this year's IL.250,000; income tax, (according to previous reports lowering rates for self-employed persons, increasing penalties for tax evaders, and redefining the position of kibbutzim);

Stamp tax, revenue from which is estimated at IL.3.6m. in the new budget, compared with IL.1.2m. this year;

Luxury tax which is to raise IL.15.5m., in place of IL.10m., according to the budget estimates;

Selective sales taxes; and

A levy for war damages compensation.

The Ministerial Committee on Interior Affairs and Services is to meet this week to investigate the demands for greater Government subsidies made by the Hebrew University and the Technion. (In the present budget the University is allotted IL.1.1m. and the Technion IL.700,000; in 1954/55, IL.1.3m. and IL.830,000, respectively, are allotted).

Two versions of the Dayanim Bill were presented for consideration by the Cabinet, one drafted by the Ministry of Justice and the other by the Ministry for Religious Affairs, the Government spokesman said.

The Bill is to formulate means of appointing *dayanim* (rabbinical court judges), and the methods of functioning of these courts.

It was stated that the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, Mr. Zerath Warhaftig, and the Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, were present during the discussion. The Cabinet decided to postpone consideration of the Bill for two weeks.

The Cabinet, whose session yesterday was divided into two meetings, approved the membership of Rabbi Ya'acov Berman, (replacing the late Professor Simha Assaf), and Mr. Shlomo Shapiro, (replacing Mr. A. Erlich, Oved Hadati, who has resigned), on the Council for Religious State Education.

Dr. Giora Josephthal, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, Judge E. Manny and Professor J. Shaki, were appointed representatives of the public on the Advisory Committee on Higher Education Institutions. Representatives of the institutions and

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ESHKOL HEADS ECONOMY TEAM

An economy committee, headed by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, is to attempt to prune another IL.5m. from the IL.571m. 1954/55 budget, the Government spokesman announced, following the weekly Cabinet briefing.

This "Lavon-type" committee, consisting in addition of Messrs. P. Naphtali, I. Rokach and M. Shapiro, is to inquire into ways and means of increasing administrative efficiency, cutting staff and abolish duplication.

It is understood that a second committee has been appointed on a permanent basis to look into these matters thoroughly with an eye to future budgeting.

Jordan Hints Accord With UN Call for Talks

The first indication that Jordan would be ready to attend direct Israel-Jordan talks, requested by Israel under Article XII of the Armistice Agreement, came yesterday evening in a report from Amman, broadcast by the British-controlled Near East Arab Broadcasting Station in Cyprus.

The report, couched in some what ambiguous language, noted that in his invitation to Jordan, U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjoeld had emphasized that the scope of the conference would be limited to questions included in the Armistice Agreement and would not extend to peace between Israel and Jordan.

The report also referred to another observation by the Secretary-General in his communication to Jordan, in which he specifically referred to Jordan's liberty to withdraw from the conference and regard it as suspended should the Israel delegation bring up any problem exceeding the scope of the Armistice Agreement and touching upon peace.

Quoting political observers in the Jordan capital, NEABS added that Jordan's present attitude is almost identical with the policy outlined in Amman's replies to two previous requests on the same subject made by the Secretary-General, expressing agreement to meet within the framework of the M.A.C. It was therefore believed likely, the report said, that Jordan would accept the invitation to the talks.

Ramallah's 'Victory'

Jordan's carefully camouflaged retreat from her previous policy of outright rejection emerged even more clearly in the semi-official commentary last night of Radio Ramallah, the Jordan Foreign Ministry's official mouthpiece. The speaker, an official of the Jordan Government's Public Information Service, described the Secretary-General's communication as a victory for Jordan policy, adding that Mr. Hammarskjoeld had clearly realized Jordan's objections to be involved in peace talks with Israel.

Meanwhile, it was understood in Amman that Jordan's reply to the last communication of Mr. Hammarskjoeld was most likely to be considerably delayed. A session of the Jordan Cabinet to discuss the communication, scheduled to be held yesterday, was postponed until today. Political observers in Amman, quoted by NEABS, believe it most unlikely that the Jordan Government would draft a reply on its own responsibility. In the light of previous experience, it could almost be taken for granted that the reply would not be drafted until the other Arab countries had been consulted, NEABS added.

These circles believe that the reply may even be postponed until a special session of the Arab League Political Council has been convened. This thesis is strengthened by Jordan's repeated emphasis in the past on her obligation to consult Egypt, Syria and Lebanon — the three other countries which have Armistice Agreements with Israel — before taking any action which is liable to set a precedent for these countries as well.

Arab C'tee See Need To Work with Israel

The Arab League's committee of irrigation experts which has been touring Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon studying the Johnston scheme has drafted its report recommending that the League give up the idea of the separate Arab exploitation of the Jordan and Yarmurk rivers, ANA reports.

The committee has concluded that there is no alternative to some sort of cooperation between the Arab States and Israel if the complete exploitation of the Jordan is to be achieved. However, the group will recommend the rejection of the American plan and will suggest that an international body be set up under the U.N. to divide up the waters among the countries concerned.

The main fault of the Johnston scheme, the committee feels, is its failure to recognize the need for sufficient water allocation to the Ghor area in the Jordan Valley near Jericho.

Freer Movement For 90,000 in Galilee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH, Sunday. — The Military Governor today issued new regulations effective from this morning permitting free movement to about 90,000 Arab residents in Galilee within an area that includes Nazareth and 70 villages.

Restrictions on movements to military areas remain in force, but the number of areas has been reduced from 46 to 15 throughout the country.

A spokesman said that another 4,000 inhabitants in an area around Affula, which includes 18 villages, would also be allowed free movement, but persons not residing in the area would need a permit to enter it.

Most of the 7,000 residents of Nazareth who hold permanent travel permits valid for two-month periods will get them renewed for a six-month period as from tomorrow.

Arab Legion Fires Into J'lem For Four Hours

Shots were fired from the Southwest corner of the Old City wall in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon at a group of Israel workers who were repairing the roof of the Talbieh mental hospital.

Sporadic shooting continued from 12.15 to 4 p.m., the Army spokesman announced. Four of the bullets lodged in a wall of the building, near the workers.

A strong complaint has been filed with the Mixed Armistice Commission and an emergency meeting requested.

An Israel Beduin was kidnapped on Saturday afternoon by Egyptian soldiers who were leaving the Mixed Armistice Commission camp in Nitzana, the Army spokesman has announced.

The man was one of a group of four Israel Beduin from Bir Malaga in the demilitarized zone of Nitzana. They were on the road leading to Ktsiot (Givat Rahel).

The Egyptian soldiers were riding on a tender leaving the M.A.C. Headquarters at Nitzana; they forced one Beduin onto their tender and escaped. A strong complaint has been filed with the M.A.C. The return of the man has been demanded.

A gang of mounted Egyptian Beduin raided an Israel Beduin camp near the Nitzana Demilitarized Zone on Saturday, wounded two of the inhabitants in an exchange of fire and stole ten camels and a rifle, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

The Egyptian Beduin then made off with their loot and withdrew from Israel territory, it was said.

Israel has submitted a complaint to the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission on the incident.

Two Infiltrators Slain in Week

Two infiltrators were killed and nine captured in nine clashes between Defence Forces and armed marauders in the week ending February 18, it was announced yesterday.

In the same period, the Israel border was trespassed several times by infiltrators who come to plough and to graze their flocks. Several thefts of irrigation pipes and work animals also took place, it was said.

Jordan Gets $10m. US Technical Aid

The U.S. Operations Mission in Jordan has announced a grant of $10m. to that country under the technical aid programme for the Middle East, ANA reports from Amman.

The Jordan Government is at present drawing up plans to spend the money in constructive projects, it was said.

Goldmann Asks Zionist, Non-Zionist Cooperation

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — Dr. Nahum Goldmann today called for a "clear understanding between Zionists and non-Zionists whereby they work together as a single body in all areas of agreement but respect each other's work and opinion in areas of disagreement."

Speaking at a branch of the Manhattan Zionist Region of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Goldmann declared that Zionism is a world-wide movement for the preservation of Jews. It must guard against any future alienation of Israelis from Jews abroad and of Israelis abroad from Israel."

He urged changing the tenor of Jewish education by making Hebrew the common language of communication between Jews everywhere.

"Zionism does not mean that every Zionist must go to Israel, but it means that Zionism must provide western *olim*, an immigration whose social and cultural traditions are essential to Israel's evolution."

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Social & Personal

The President received the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, on Saturday night. Yesterday the President received Dr. W. Cegla, Israel representative of International Rotary.

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Members of the Soviet and Polish Legations arrived at Eilat last night for a tour of the Negev.

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A Grand Ball was held aboard the s.s. Messapia by the Dante Alighieri Society, under the patronage of the Italian Consul in T'A., last week.

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Mr. Warren Pinejar, Deputy Director of CARE, left by Cyprus Airways yesterday, after a short visit.

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Mr. Cedric Hentschel, representative of the British Council in Israel, will be guest speaker at the monthly luncheon of the Tel Aviv Association of University Women at 1.15 p.m. today at Z.O.A. House. He will speak on "Housing in England."

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The scholarship at the Hebrew University in memory of Israel Grinfeld, a science student who fell in the War of Liberation, set up by Mrs. Henia Grinfeld, his mother, in her own name and in that of her late husband, Jonah Grinfeld, will be awarded today (the sixth anniversary of Israel Grinfeld's death) at 4 p.m. in the Physics Hall of the Faculty of Science (third floor) Rehov Mamillah. The public is invited.

Press Division Chief

The appointment of Mr. Zvi (Harry) Zinder to be the head of the Press Division of the Government Information Services was announced yesterday. He will be stationed in Jerusalem.

Mr. David Landwehr will continue to be in charge of the Press Office in Tel Aviv.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Lectures: —
"Legend and Reality in Central America and the West Indies." Dr. Regina Zimermann. Beit Hahalutzot, Rehavia, 5 p.m.

★ Exhibitions: —
Modern Mexican Prints, Peruvian ceramics. Reproductions from Latin-American art before the Spanish conquest. New Acquisition: Etchings by William Hogarth. Exhibition of the month: "Three Women in a Glade," by Paul Serusier. Bezalel National Museum, 9-1; 2-5.
Exhibition of paintings by Hanna Weiler-Levi and Josef Kosonogi. Artists' House, 10-1; 4-6.

★ Public Meeting: —
Gideon Rafael, "Israel and the Arab States Today," public meeting and discussion. Auspices, Jerusalem English Speaking Circle (Mapai). Mapai Centre, 8.30 p.m.

★ Drama Reading: —
"The Little Foxes," by Lillian Hellman. Information Centre, American Consulate General, Mamilla Rd., 8 p.m.

★ Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Lectures: —
"The Promise of Atomic Energy — Science and Public Affairs today," by Professor Charles D. Cornell, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; under auspices of the Association for the Advance of Science in Israel; Z.O.A. House, 6.30 p.m.

★ Exhibition: —
100 Years of Dutch Painting. Museum, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

★ Theatres: —
"Escapade," Habimah; Habimah Theatre, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions: —
Exhibition by Jacob Pins (woodcuts), Jona Mach (oil paintings), Mordechai Gumpel (sculpture)—Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1; 4-6.

★ Gramophone recital: —
Bach, Piano Concerto; Bach, Violin Concerto; Dvorak, Cello Concerto; L.P. Records—Pevsner Hall, 8 p.m.

HOLON

★ Theatre: —
"The Trouble Makers," Chamber Theatre.

KFAR SABA

★ Theatre: —
"The Living Corpse"; Habimah, 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Theatre: —
"Countess Maritza," De-Ro-Mi, Rama Cinema, 8.30 p.m.

Licensed Travel Agents Ready To Fight 'Gazoz Tours'

By THEODOR F. MEYSELS

"Licensed travel agents are most eager and fully prepared to cooperate with the authorities and the Consulates in the elimination of shady, unlicensed agencies, the "Gazoz Tours" as we call them, but we protest most emphatically against the application of the principles of collective responsibility and collective punishment against the profession," Mr. Avissar Abrahamoff, the Hon. Secretary of the Israel Tourist & Travel Association, told me, when we discussed the recent decision of the Consular Corps to exclude all travel agents from obtaining visas on behalf of clients.

"A clear distinction should be made," Mr. Abrahamoff continued, "between the licensed agencies, more than 90% of which are I.A.T.A. members, who would never risk their status by dirty tricks, and the unlicensed "Gazoz Tours," which have invaded our profession to such a degree that 20 free operators compete in Tel Aviv against 36 travel agencies, which are licensed and are members of our association."

Sanctions Overlooked

Mr. Abrahamoff went on to say that the "Defence Regulation (Travel and Tourist Agencies) 1953" prescribes that all such agencies should be licensed by the Director of Tourism.

"However, the legislator forgot to add any sanctions when an unlicensed agency is opened or a licensed agent is involved in dishonourable transactions. There is no authority empowered to close down an unlicensed agency or to discipline a dishonourable licensed agent.

"Thus, whoever sees fit to convert a *gazoz* stand into a travel agency can do so at his heart's desire. Moreover, the procurement of visas does not figure in the Regulation at all and it would be difficult to take action on such a count.

"The Director of Tourism must insist on a definition of his disciplinary powers," Mr. Abrahamoff said, "but he must also come out in defence of the members of the association. We consider it Mr. Irron's duty to intercede with the Consulates on behalf of licensed agents, who should be allowed to transact their legitimate business, as in any other country."

"Do you consider the arrangement of visas so important a part of the travel agent's duties?"

"From a financial point of view — by no means. The service charge, fixed by the association and rigorously adhered to by its members, is IL.3.- for each visa. This sum does not cover the time our clerks have to spend at the consulates.

"As a matter of principle, however, we agents insist that the arrangement of visas is a basic part of our service, a complimentary service in the majority of cases which the international traveller is accustomed to take for granted.

"Should our Tourist Centre fail to explain to the consulates the distinction between the licensed, responsible agent and the visa cheat, the general prestige of Israel's tourist industry will suffer far more than the travel agencies as such.

"The whole affair," Mr. Abrahamoff explained, "is shrouded in general accusations and complete mystery whenever we try to get down to brass tacks. The consuls, without exception, have refused so far to divulge the names of any agents or persons caught with swindled visas. The police are equally uncooperative. Any action we could take would only be founded on hearsay and might involve us in most disagreeable libel prosecutions.

"My firm belief is that the evil can only be eradicated when the Director of Tourism, the Consuls and the licensed travel agents agree on concerted action."

UK Zionists Have No Political Ties

The Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland has no political affiliation in Israel and its activities *vis-a-vis* this country concern only immigrants from Britain, pioneering education, *Shnat Sherut*, the United Jewish Appeal and the like, the Jewish Agency reports.

The Federation has published resolutions declaring that it was not affiliated with the General Zionist Party, and that any attempt on the part of the General Zionists or Progressives to establish political parties in Britain would be contrary to the decision of the World Confederation of General Zionists adopted in Jerusalem in 1951.

70 IRAQI JEWS LOSE CITIZENSHIP

Seventy Jews who had left Iraq and had failed to return within the required time, were deprived of Iraqi citizenship by the Iraqi Cabinet on Friday, ANA reports.

Civil Marriage Abroad Valid

The validity in Israel of a civil marriage performed in Poland was established by the Supreme Court on Friday.

The couple, named Shmaik, were married in Poland shortly after World War II but were separated after their settlement in Israel.

The wife sued the husband in the Tel Aviv District Court for alimony. The husband argued that he was not liable since their marriage had not been performed in accordance with Jewish Law.

The District Court ruled that the marriage was valid and declared that the husband was liable for the alimony.

The Supreme Court confirmed the decision of the District Court on the grounds that in accordance with private international law the national law of the parties at the time of their marriage determined the validity of the marriage. Since it was a legal marriage in Poland, it would be binding here. Justice Agranat, in a separate judgment, added that had the couple been married abroad in accordance with Jewish Law the marriage would have been binding here even if the law of the foreign country recognized only civil marriages.

The Court was composed of Justices Olshan, Agranat and Witkon. *(Tim.)*

BRITISH SAILOR ADMITS SABOTAGE

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — An Admiralty spokesman disclosed yesterday that a naval rating had confessed to several recent acts of "malicious damage" in the 26,000 ton aircraft carrier "Indefatigable."

Admiralty investigators are examining his confession and he will be charged if necessary, the spokesman said.

Veterans of 3 Wars Have Meeting Place

The President and Mrs. Ben Zvi have agreed to take part in the planting of trees in the forest park at Beit Hagdudim at Avihail, near Natanya, on March 3.

Beit Hagdudim (Regiments' House) is being erected to commemorate the services of the Jewish military formations in the First World War. The battalions were part of Allenby's force on the Palestine front and were made up of Jewish volunteers from the U.S., Canada, Argentina, Britain and Palestine itself.

Avihail is settled mostly by men who stayed on after the hostilities which ended in the liberation of Palestine from the Turks. Beit Hagdudim, however, is designed to serve as a meeting place for veterans of both World Wars, as well as of the War of Independence.

Mr. Ben Zvi was a private in one of the battalions recruited in the U.S., as was Mr. David Ben Gurion. Mr. Levi Eshkol, Dr. Dov Joseph and Mr. Ze'ev Sheper, Deputy Knesset Speaker, are three of the many Gdudim veterans now among the nation's leaders.

Reserve Officers To Have Own 'Day'

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — "Reserve Officers Day" is to be celebrated on March 16, the anniversary of Trumpeldor's death, the Army spokesman and the Cultural Adviser to the Chief of Staff told correspondents last week.

The organization committee, headed by the first Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Y. Dori, has arranged for a series of receptions and meetings, where Cabinet Ministers will address reserve officers on national problems.

Two New Records Set At Week-End Haifa Meet

In Haifa, the Southern selected light athletic team beat the Northern selected 250 to 232 points in a competition held at the Municipal stadium on Saturday. Athletes from all sports organizations participated, and two new national records were established.

Yosef Salamen, of North End Haifa Maccabi, broke the 1,500 metre record by running the distance in 4:10.6, beating the previous record of 4:11.2. Aida Ben Ami, of the Women's Javelin throwing event Edna Matalia, reached 34.62m., breaking the previous record of 34.57m.

Other outstanding results were: Arie Kinestub, 1.85 metres in the high jump. Tamar Metal and T. Kushnir long jump, 5.11 and 5.76 metres respectively.

Only three First Division soccer games were played Saturday. Tel Aviv Hapoel beat Natanya Maccabi, 1:0 (1:0). Ramat Gan Hapoel beat Haifa Maccabi, 4:0 (1:0) and Petah Tikva Maccabi downed Kfar Saba Hapoel, 4:1 (1:1). In a Second Division game, Atlit Sports Club beat Haifa Degel Yehuda, 2:1.

Six table tennis players qualified in the first round of the National table team which were held on Saturday. The selected team is to participate in the [illegible] tournament to be held in London at the beginning of May. Those who qualified were: Simha Feuerstein, Yehuda Fox, Shaul Yaffa, Yaakov Kerra, Shlomo Reichenstein, Shmuel Guttiano (Hapoel), and Itzhak Fineberg, Y.M.C.A., Jerusalem.

Jerusalem's Hapoel beat Tel Aviv Hapoel 3:2 in a wrestling tournament in the Yitzhak Sadeh cup competition. Neve Yam Hapoel beat Haifa Hapoel by 14 lengths in an 800 metres heavy rowing boat race in Haifa Bay.

FOOTBALL: League B: Atlit Sports Club 2, Haifa Degel Yehuda 1. Preliminary: Haifa Hapoel 3, Acre Hapoel 1. Haifa Hapoel 4; Haifa Christian Brotherhood 3.

Correction: (last week): Kibbutz Galoyot Haifa, 4; Hahotrim Hapoel 2 (2-2).

Port Vale Ousts Cupholders Leyton Enters Sixth Round

By AKIVA KALMAN

Port Vale leaders of the English League Third Division, outplayed First Division holders, Blackpool, in the Fifth Round of the Football Association Cup competition on Saturday by two goals to none, both scored by Leek, to move on to the next round.

Bolton Wanderers, last year's defeated finalists, kept in the affray by fighting out a goalless draw at home again Portsmouth. Both teams put on a tremendous show of speedy virile soccer and many of the shots at goal were literally saved on the line at both ends.

West Bromwich Albion leaders in the League's First Division honours race, moved nearer the "double" with a close 3-2 win over Newcastle United. The unstoppable "Throstles" put on a display of the type of go-ahead football which has taken them to the top of the League table. Allen scored the winners' goals, his third coming after the "Magpies" had fought back to a one goal deficit, 2-1, with a goal from Mitchell. Jack Milburn narrowed it again to 3-2, and an equaliser nearly came in the closing minutes.

Orient Win Through

Third Division Leyton Orient moved on to the Sixth Round for the first time since 1926, after being 0-1 down to Doncaster Rovers, Second Division promotion aspirants. The Rovers suffered an injury to one of their men which kept him hobbling on the wing until half-time. Despite this they took the lead, but the "O's" were irresistible in the second half. With three goals from Morgan, centre-forward Passey, who was in brilliant form, and 21-year-old insider left Burgess (playing in his first cup-tie), made sure of progress in the Cup battle.

Norwich City, Third Division vanquishers of Arsenal in the last round, went down fighting. Second Division leaders, Leicester City, by 2-1, after taking the lead through Brennan. A penalty gave Leicester the equalizer in the second half, another goal coming three minutes later. The "Canaries" never gave up, but their boisterous energetic play was well led by cleverer Leicester play.

Preston North End crashed the biggest win of the Cup schedule when they outclassed Third Division (South) leaders, Ipswich Town, 6-1, in a game in which Tom Finney spearheaded classy attacks.

RESULTS: ENGLISH LEAGUE: F.A. Cup—4th Round: Bolton W. 0, Portsmouth 0; Hull C. 1, Tottenham 1; Leyton O. 3, Doncaster R. 1; Norwich C. 1, Leicester C. 1; Port V. 2, Blackpool 0; Preston N.E. 6, Ipswich T. 1; Sheffield W. 3, Everton 1; West Bromwich A. 3, Newcastle U. 2.

DIV. I: Aston V. Huddersf'ld 1; Burnley 1, Man. U. 0; Sunderl'd 1, Chelsea 2; Wolves 6, Charl. V. 1.
DIV. II: Barry 0, Blackb'n 0; Fulham 5, Luton 1; Leeds 1, Birm'gham 1; Notts. C. 1, Lincoln 1; Oldham 0, Derby 0; West Ham 1, Notts F. 1.
DIV. III (S): Ald'shot 2, Wead'g 2; Brighton 4, Millwall 0; Brist. C. 3, Swindon 1; Colch'ster 3, Shrewsb'y 1; Cry. P. 1, Walsall 0; N'hampton 0, Cov. C. 1; Q.P.R. 3, Bourn'th 3; Reading 1, S'hampton 3; Exeter 0, Torquay 2; Bournem'th 3.
DIV. III (N): Barrow 1, Stockp't 0; Brad. C. 2, Grimsby 0; Chesterfield 0, Acc. S. 0; Gatesh'd 1, Darl'gton 0; Halifax 1, Hartlep'ls 4; Mansf'd 2, Rochdale 0; Scunth. 4, Bradf'd 1; Southp't 1, Crewe 2; Tranmere 3, Carl'le 2; Workington 2, Barnsley 0; Wrexham 3, Chester 3.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP—2nd. Rnd. replay: Buckby Thistle 7, Peebles Rovers 3. DIV. A: Aberd'n 5, Clyde 3; Celtic 5, Dundee 2; Ham. Ac. 3, Falk'k 1; Hearts 3, Rangers 3; Partick 0, Hibs. 2; Raith 1, Qu. o' Sth. 1; Stirl'g 2, Aldrie 1. DIV. B: Albion 1, Allea 3; Arb'th 6, Klim'nock 1; Ayr 6, Queen P. 0; Cowdenb'th 3, Dund. U. 5; Forfar 11, Dunfermline 1; Morton 3, Stenh'emuir 2, Motherwell 1; Th. Lanark 5, St. Johnstone 1.

Friendly: Arsenal 6, Portuguesa Des Sports (Brazil) 1. F.A. AMATEUR CUP—3rd. Rnd.: Wealdstone 7, Pegasus 4; Bishop A. 4, Hunslow T. 3; Crooke T. 10, Hitchin T. 2; Finchley 3, Walthamstow A. 2. RUGBY UNION: NEW ZEALAND TOUR: Barbarians 5, "All Blacks" 19 (at Cardiff); Inter-Services: R.A.F. 12, R.N. 5 (at Twickenham).

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Yesterday's Press:

Berlin Parley Called a Failure

Several papers commented on the results — or the lack of results — of the Berlin conference. "Zmanim" (Progressive) says it has failed because it resulted in no rapprochement between East and West and dispelled certain illusions in that respect. "Ha'aretz" (Independent) says that the German (and Austrian) problem is at present insoluble for the simple reason that Germany is the key to dominance in Europe. Russia could not accept the principle of free elections as a prerequisite for German unification because this would have meant the route of the Communists in both parts. "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) believes that though the conference has failed it may have made a modest contribution to world peace. The Ministers left Berlin in a much calmer mood and with fewer mutual recriminations than was the case in Paris three years ago.

Both "Davar" (Histadrut) and "Herut" advocate aid to the Hebrew University. The former emphasizes that the university is in a bad financial position because it lost most of its property as a result of the War of Independence. The paper favours increasing the Government's share in the university's expenses from 30 to 50%. "Herut" says that the IL.1.5m. immediately needed should be provided by the Government and the paper believes that this could be done by cutting down the "special budgets" which it alleges go for state security services.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) comments on the impending budget debate in the Knesset and says that the state apparatus is too large and state services too inflated for the country's economic possibilities. The paper believes that the Minister of Finance's estimate that a 50% increase in revenue from direct taxation will result just from streamlining collections is unduly optimistic. "Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) feels that estimates of revenue from both direct and indirect taxation are over-optimistic, while on the expenditure side not all possibilities of effecting savings have been exploited.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) believes the executive of the Civil Servants' Association has not done justice to the civil servants' well-founded demands for higher wages, which would at least have brought them up to the level of other public employees. The paper charges Mapai with the responsibility for this decision. "Davar" deals with the meeting of Histadrut and Government representatives concerning unemployment. The paper says that productive employment schemes should be adopted as soon as possible and the movement from the town to the countryside must be made to reach larger sections of the population.

Suez Canal Now UK Oil Artery

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — A complete change of attitude on the question of the strategic importance of the Suez Canal has recently taken place in Britain, the "Jewish Observer" stated in its current issue.

In the last eight years, the Foreign Office and the Armed Services maintained that the Canal in itself was devoid of strategic value. Now, however, they maintain that the Canal, and freedom of passage through it, are of transcending importance.

The reason for the volte-face, the "Jewish Observer" says, is that during the last 12 months Middle East oil has been transformed, to an extent unprecedented in the past, into the life-blood of Western Europe, including Britain.

The Suez Canal has consequently become the major artery to be defended at all costs.

AT THE CINEMA

"PAT and Mike" (Esther, Tel Aviv) is a loosely knitted yarn by Ruth Gordon and Garson Kanin telling how the inspiring sportswoman, Katherine Hepburn, falls in love with her slightly crooked trainer and promoter, Spencer Tracy. As the plot offers no surprises whatsoever, interest is restricted to some well-designed and even dramatic golf scenes which occupy the whole first quarter of the film, and to Hepburn's extraordinary tennis performances. She even succeeds in creating a convincing personality portrait — in spite of the limited possibilities of her role. On the other hand, Tracy and the director, George Cukor, appear to be handicapped by the script.

Weak Scenario

"FORCE of Arms" (Chen), describes a love affair between an American lieutenant and a WAC — on the battlefield of Anzio, of all places. This equally weak scenario is saved by the virile style of director Michael Curtiz. The story develops a moral lesson when the hero endangers the life of his comrades in order to save himself for a hurried marriage, but later returns to the front-line and is severely wounded. Holden gives an excellent performance, and Nancy Olson is acceptable. *Mo.*

Exciting Picture

"La vie commence demain" (Life Begins Tomorrow — Or Gil, J'lem), directed by Nicole Vedrès ("Paris 1900"), is a decidedly different documentary with an unmistakably progressive message. A young commercial traveller from the province (Jean Pierre Aumont) is on a short trip to Paris to visit the catacombs, the waxworks and similar dustcovered attractions of yesterday, when at an existentialist café — point of impact — he makes the acquaintance of a man to whom he complains about the city, which seems to him more a witches' Sabbath. He is advised to pay a visit to the next house, the residence of M. Jean-Paul Sartre, who welcomes the intruder as long as he is not a journalist.

With the earnestness of the average person, the troubled promising young man tells the Pope of existentialism that everything is all wrong with modern times, but that he himself feels blameless for them. M. Sartre opens the eyes of the puzzled innocent to the fact that he is the world. Cancelling his projected round of pleasures, our holiday maker then calls in turn on the most advanced thinkers of our time: Jean Rostand, the biologist, engaged in experiments to produce Life in his laboratory; youthful-looking Picasso, swimming in the sea at 72 and creating his wonderful pottery; the psychoanalyst, Lagache; Labarthe, the "new Jules Verne"; that fascinating architect, Le Corbusier, dream-building the city of the future; and, last but not least, the late André Gide replying to Oscar Wilde that questions are never indiscreet, but answers . . .

The message of this mature and exciting picture is that nothing is wrong with modern times and their most revolutionary discoveries and inventions if we make the right use of them. The cinema, by the way, affords a rare opportunity to listen to modern music: here Darius Milhaud's brilliant score is effectively conducted by Manuel Rosenthal.

FRANGO

Critic Stopped

"We regret that there is no review of the film "Harvey," (Edison, J'lem), as our critic, when requesting the customary complimentary ticket at the box office on Saturday night, was told, "There are no complimentary tickets this week."

The manager of the cinema told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he did not intend to provide our reviewer with complimentary tickets.

(It will be recalled that in a "Reader's Letter" last week, the manager of the cinema objected to certain comments made by our reviewer on the last film shown at the Edison.)

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12.00 N. Music at Noon (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Suite for Flute and Strings (Telemann); "Manfred" Symphony (Tchaikowsky). 1.45 "The Voice of the Violin" (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.00 Piano Recital: Claude Abravanel. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 At the Opera (R). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Records Just Arrived. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.35 Answer to the Citizen. 9.00 Curtain Up. 10.00 "Collegium Musicum": presented by Max Lampel. Edith Weiner & the "Collegium Musicum" String Ensemble: Works by d'Anglebert, Mondonel, Rameau & Couperin. 10.50 "Nocturne" (R). 11.05 Close Down.

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English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.55 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Chamber Music (R). 4.50 Messages to Immigrants. 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.30 Literature Corner. 5.50 Ballet Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (31.1, 24.9 & 469 M.): French: 4.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.1 M.): 11.15 News Reviews & Economic Review; 11.45 New Israel Dance.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.8, 215, 235 & 329 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.32 Recital. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.40 Music from Films. 8.30 News. 8.45 Concert. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (25.10, 24.52, 31.51, 30.90 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News; News Talk; Press Review.

THE HEBREW NATIONAL
OPERA
TEL AVIV: HABIMAH
Tomorrow, Feb. 23, at 8.15 p.m.
HAIFA: "ARMON"
Thursday, Feb. 25 at 9 p.m.
REHOVOT "BEIT HA'AM"
Thursday, March 4, 8.30 p.m.
TOSCA
Opera in 3 acts by Puccini
with
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(as Tosca)
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THE WEATHER

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Mt. Canaan	82	4	10	15
Tiberias	78	10	11	22
Haifa Port	69	10	12	20
Natanya	68	10	13	20
Tel Aviv North	69	12	20	22
Tel Aviv Port	73	11	12	20
Lydda Airport	63	7	10	19
Jerusalem	60	7	15	19
Beersheba	—	4	20	25
Eilat	89	13	23	26

FORECAST: Partly cloudy; warmer and drier.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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PARENTS of 19 children aged 10 to 14, were fined IL.20 to IL.30 each in the Migdal Ascalon Magistrate's Court yesterday when Magistrate Z. Aluf found them guilty of sending their children to steal oranges. The Magistrate ordered the detention of every parent who refused to pay the fine.

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A LARGE SWARM OF LOCUSTS flew slowly about a metre above ground level over the fields of Moshav Patish in the Merhavim area of the Northern Negev yesterday. They were flying in a southerly direction.

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SEVEN PERSONS were detained in Sarafand Hospital following a free-for-all brawl on Saturday evening in Moshav Pia'h'a, near Ramle, at a meeting called for the election of a local council. Over ten other persons were sent home after first aid and treatment on the spot.

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FOR ATTACKING a male nurse who refused to attend to him ahead of the queue, Shlomo Manmadel, 19, of the Hartuv *ma'abara*, was yesterday sentenced to a month in prison by Jerusalem Magistrate M. Even Tov.

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56 PERSONS WERE FINED from IL.5 to IL.200 each in January for failing to submit income tax returns, it has been announced.

Health Centre For Afridar

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Community Health Centre is planned for Afridar, the township on the outskirts of Migdal Ascalon, by the Ministry of Health and Kupat Holim jointly with help from the South African Zionist Federation which designed Afridar as a model immigrant community, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Health Centre will be run on lines similar to the experimental project organized by Hadassah in Beit Mazmil, Jerusalem. Each group of families will get complete medical attention from its own doctor-nurse team, assisted by a mental hygiene worker and health educator. Afridar residents now depend on the clinic in Ascalon.

Kupat Holim has agreed to build and equip the new Health Centre, the Ministry of Health participating in staff and maintenance expenses. South African Zionists, who contributed towards other communal buildings in Afridar, will lend their support. South African family health experts, now working for Hadassah, are particularly interested in the project.

Orthodox, Free-Thinkers Should Respect Each Other

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Magistrate H. Ehrlich today reprimanded a rabbi when he acquitted three men of charges of disturbing the public peace. "Just as a non-orthodox person should respect the outlook of the orthodox, so should the latter avoid injuring free-thinkers. Wise men should be wary of their deeds as well as their words," the Magistrate told Rabbi Yonah Stanzer.

The Rabbi, together with Eliezer Litmanovitz and Nahum Mizrahi, all of Tel Aviv, was involved in a clash in front of a synagogue in Rehov Helinger on Saturday, June 20, 1953.

Mizrahi was riding a motorcycle together with his wife and broke through a road block of synagogue benches put up by congregants who wanted to stop motoring on the Sabbath. Litmanovitz threw himself in the path of the motorcycle while other worshippers, the rabbi allegedly included, attacked Mizrahi and his wife, who was pregnant. Mizrahi hit back.

The Magistrate decided that Mizrahi was defending himself that Litmanovitz's action could not be interpreted as taking part in the scuffle; and that there was no direct evidence that Rabbi Stanzer actually participated in the fight. He therefore acquitted all three.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Eggs instead of meat: 3 eggs, Vav 20; temp. 30; semi-annual 19.

TEL AVIV: Eggs instead of meat: 3 eggs, Vav 20; temp. 30; semi-annual 19, page 2. Coffee and Tea: 100 gr. of either or 50 gr. each. For Gimel cards 100 gr. tea. Heh 4, Heh 5; temp. 26, 34; semi-annual 6, 7.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Laundry soap: 1 bar; 2 for Aleph cards. Vav 22; temp. 13. Flour: 600 gr. on Aleph and Bet cards; no coupons; temp. 22. Cocoa: 150 gr. on Aleph and Bet cards, no coupons; temp. 10. Coffee: 50 gr. on Dalet and Heh cards. Heh 9; temp. 25.

Personal Notice

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Stephan Hermann

Sheikh Tabari Heads Nazareth List

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH, Sunday. — A 21-man committee headed by Sheikh Taher Tabari, Kadi of Nazareth, was elected by 60 representatives of the Moslem Community here today and empowered to form a communal list of candidates for the forthcoming Municipal elections.

The meeting, the first Moslem pre-election meeting, was held in the house of Beit e-Din Bey, M.K.

Mr. Nimr el-Hawari, the solicitor, addressed the delegates and called for Moslem unity in the country, not only for elections, but also to assure the release of Waki' property and a united struggle against the recently enacted Inheritance and Marriage Law.

The Greek Orthodox representative Council, meeting under police protection here yesterday, decided to put forward their own list of candidates.

The three Communist Party members on the 21-member Council had previously reportedly called on Greek Orthodox residents to break into the closed meeting in order to exert pressure on the councillors to decide against a separate community list, a step that may take many votes from the Communists.

About 200 persons attempted to enter the meeting which was held in the Church of the Annunciation, but were prevented by the police.

When the Councillors left the meeting a crowd outside jeered at them, calling them "spies."

Levanon Exonerated In Repairs Charge

TEL AVIV, Sunday.— The State Comptroller ruled that there was nothing unethical about the repairs executed in the flat of Mayor Haim Levanon with materials from the municipal stores, although the Mayor had acted in the manner in which he had obtained the materials.

The Comptroller acted on the request of Mr. Levanon on January 17, in which he said that Press announcements alleged that he had used his position in the Municipality for personal gain.

Mr. Levanon executed repairs to his flat costing about IL.800 when he became Vice-Mayor of Tel Aviv three years ago.

The Comptroller said that an investigation revealed that the work on the flat had not exceeded "modest changes in a modest flat."

It was proper for the Municipality to help its Vice-Mayor enlarge his apartment for representation purposes, when he paid in full for materials received.

The materials, worth IL.100, would have been allotted to Mr. Levanon had he asked for a licence. Mr. Levanon accepted the suggestion of Mr. M. Amiar, the City Engineer, for the job to be executed by the Municipality's sub-contractors without examining whether the suggestion was in accordance with accepted practice. That was a mistake, the Comptroller stated. He attributed the mistake to the Vice-Mayor's inexperience and recommended that regulations be passed detailing the conditions under which building works may be executed for Municipal officials or Councillors.

The Comptroller's conclusions were read at the Municipal Council meeting tonight by Town Clerk Yehuda Nedivi.

The Council tonight concluded its discussion on the details of the amendments to the city's business tax.

Claims IL.20,000 For Lost Valuables

An action for the return of valuables, or IL.20,000 in lieu thereof, has been filed in the Jerusalem District Court against a Jerusalem physician and a member of kibbutz Evron.

The plaintiff, Meir Wosner, 76, now a resident of the Home for the Aged in Jerusalem, was a leader of the Jewish community in Budapest for 13 years.

He claims that prior to his departure for Israel in 1949 he entrusted his wealth, foreign currency, sovereigns, diamonds and other jewelry to Dr. Eldad Reves, who was in Hungary at the time on a mission, for delivery in Israel. For that purpose he reportedly gave Dr. Reves a sum of money in Hungarian currency to cover the expenses involved in the transfer.

After he came to Israel, Dr. Reves is said to have informed Mr. Wosner that he had entrusted the valuables to a kibbutz member for transfer to Israel.

According to the plaintiff, he met the kibbutz member who offered him $500, and on another occasion, IL.1,000, in settlement of his claim.

The plaintiff, however, refused the offer and demanded the return of all the valuables or their full value. The plaintiff alleges that to date he has received nothing. (Itim)

Opening New Road to Eilat

The first public vehicle (carrying officials and journalists) to travel the new road to Eilat last week. Photo by Eisenstark

Haifa Port Restaurant Closing: Costs Too High

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — The port workers' restaurant, "the most modern in the country," is to be closed at the end of the month because of a large deficit, the restaurant management told *The Jerusalem Post* here today. The closure will particularly hit those workers who pay 185 pruta for a lunch consisting of soup, bread and two vegetables.

The large, "help-yourself" restaurant was opened in December 1952, on one floor of the Port Authority building. The owners, the Histadrut and the Hapoel Hamizrahi, invested well over IL.100,000 in the super-modern kitchen installations, which work on steam and electricity and compare well with any in the world.

Too Few Diners

The large, kitchen, open on the serving side to let customers observe its cleanliness, is strictly *kasher*. The restaurant was planned in 1951 to Port Authority specifications to serve 4,000 to 5,000 dinners daily, with places for 250 diners at a time. However, a deficit was incurred from the start because the number of diners was too small to justify the high overhead costs.

Now it serves only about 650 dinners and 150 breakfasts daily, besides 250 meals sent out to workers' canteens in two factories.

The owners asked for permission to open a branch in the eastern part of the port, where most workers are employed, so that they could send meals from the main kitchen. This request was rejected because of "lack of space."

The Port Authority charges the restaurant IL.400 a month for the use of the building; 17 employees are necessary to run the restaurant and the steam cooking is wasteful when used on such a small scale.

The owners are reported to have asked the Port Authority not to charge any rent and to participate in the running expenses, as all large-scale employers do in their work canteens, but the Authority claimed that the Port Services Company, the workers' employers, was responsible. The company agreed, on the other hand, to share the costs only if the tariff was raised. Meanwhile no help was given by either side.

The management intends to keep the lower floor buffet open, and possibly to arrange a smaller kitchen for hot meals there. The large modern equipment will probably not be dismantled because there is no restaurant in the country large enough to use it.

The Port Service Company had offered to pay 50 pruta towards each worker's meal, and if the number of meals could be increased with the opening of an eastern branch this might keep the restaurant solvent.

Kassit Whips Nitzan In 'Cafe' Circuit

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The second of the Cafe Circuit football games was played in the Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. Stadium yesterday before 1,500 spectators.

The Kassit team, which a few weeks ago suffered a magnificent 12:0 defeat at the hands of the Tel Aviv Cafe Royal "Fence" team, rallied in a concentrated effort to a 5:0 victory over a team of Jerusalem artists, writers and students from Cafe Nitzan. The half-time score stood 2:0.

A bus load of Kassit followers cheered their team with songs and music.

The muddy pitch did not deter the energetic players from playing a special brand of "artistic" soccer for 90 minutes. Nitzan was the underdog from the beginning, since one of its best players, a medical student, was hurt in a training game played against Jerusalem school children.

Prominent among the Nitzan team were Yeroham Cohen, former Adjutant of Aluf Yigal Alon and now a Hebrew University student, and the young poets, Haim Hefer, Benzion Tomer and Didi.

Among the Kassit Eleven were Chamber Theatre actors Nathan Cogan, Arie Lavi and Pashanel the Great, driver of the Chamber Theatre and originator of the cafe games; Ohel actor Ori Lavi who scored four goals, Shmulik Rosen of Kol Yisrael and Amos Lev, a journalist.

RIVAL CAFES FIGHT IT OUT

HAIFA, SUNDAY. — Knives, sticks and stones were freely used, and three persons were injured, when a fight broke out outside a newly opened cafe in Southern Tirat Hacarmel, near here, yesterday afternoon. Two of the injured were sent to the Rambam Hospital, and the third, a soldier, to a military hospital.

An attempt was made to set another nearby cafe on fire and three persons were arrested by Police.

It is believed that the fight broke out as a result of the competition between the two cafes and a "Landsmannschaft" quarrel between immigrants from Mosul and Baghdad.

Haifa Police Tighten Watch on Roads

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Haifa Traffic Police is tightening its watch on the roads here in a great effort to reduce accidents.

During the last few days, a large number of drivers have been charged for "blinding" with brilliant headlights, and fined IL.30 each in the Magistrate's Court. Last night, a Hadera driver, Mr. M. Sima, was detained on charges of "blinding" and speeding, and was brought to court this morning. The Magistrate, Dr. Y. Levin, fined him IL.80 and withdrew his driver's licence for one month.

At the same time, the Police in cooperation with the "Zahirut" Organisation are asking drivers to participate in the "Careful Driver of 1954" competition which is also aimed at reducing accidents.

Police are stopping vehicles at the town's approaches and distributing leaflets calling on drivers to take part in the contest.

Worker Killed, 18 Hurt In Road Accident

HAIFA, Sunday. — One labourer was killed instantly and 18 injured, four seriously, when the truck carrying them from Umm Zinat to Zichron Ya'acov overturned at 4.10 p.m. today in Wadi Milch. The dead man is Ya'acov Kleinman, 37.

The injured were taken to Zichron Ya'acov for first aid and 11 were transferred to the Rothschild Hospital in Haifa where four were hospitalised with bad head injuries.

The truck driver, who was detained by police, is said to have claimed that the steering mechanism was faulty.

AVRAHAM MEERAHI, 24, of Kfar Salame, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday for giving false evidence at a hearing.

Shmuel Hacohen Granted Bail

TEL AVIV. (ITIM). — Shmuel Hacohen, husband of Ruth Hacohen, the young woman detained at Idlewild Airport in New York for smuggling $100,000 worth of diamonds into the U.S., was released in IL.1,000 bail by Magistrate M. Rubin here today.

Police said that they had completed their investigations against him.

Yishuv Forest Completed

Woods and groves in honour of Mr. A. Shenkar, President of the Manufacturers Association, Mr. A. Krause, Principal of the Mikveh Israel Agricultural School, and Mr. M. Sivirsky, one of the founders of Tel Aviv, were planted near Ma'ale Ha'hamisha, in the Jerusalem Corridor, yesterday.

The new plantings complete the Jewish National Fund "Forest of the Yishuv" near Ma'ale Ha'hamisha.

Talks on Buying Oil From Russia Closing

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM).—Returning from Moscow by L.A.I. today the Fuel Adviser to the Government, Mr. T. Kosloff, reported that the negotiations with the Soviet Union on the purchase of 100,000 tons of crude oil for refining at Haifa were now nearly completed. Since he left the Soviet Capital the talks have been carried on with the official Soviet Fuel Import and Export Company by members of the Israel Legation to the Soviet Union.

Israel was represented at the talks by Mr. Kosloff, the Minister to the Soviet Union, Dr. Shmuel Eliashiv, and the Second Secretary, Mr. A. Gideon. Some 12 meetings were held in what was described friendly atmosphere.

If the negotiations are brought to a successful conclusion Russia will supply crude oil suitable for refining in Haifa, Mr. Kosloff said. He refused to divulge details of the price to be paid for the oil, saying that publication of prices offered would harm the negotiations.

Although he passed through London on his way back to Israel, Mr. Kosloff said he had no time to discuss oil matters there.

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — Egypt is to sign a LE. 4m. agreement with Russia and Rumania to trade Egyptian cotton for petroleum.

Russia and Rumania will supply Egypt with 350,000 tons of petroleum products at prices of 30% below those on the world market. They will use the proceeds to buy Egyptian cotton on the free market.

Five New Foreign Firms Approved

Five new enterprises, representing investments of IL.1.1m. and $1.8m., were granted investment Centre approval during January, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman revealed in Jerusalem yesterday.

This brings the total number of approved investments to 703, with invested capital of IL. 86.7m. and $138.2. In addition, 774 enterprises have been granted aid and legal benefits.

The new firms will produce copper wiring, gramophones (80% for export); and processed crepe. One enterprise is to establish an agricultural settlement for South American immigrants, and another will build houses for sale to prospective immigrants and others abroad.

During January, 17 new enterprises began production. Among them are a steel rolling plant, a tannery, leather goods factory, a plastic fibre plant, a cattle-raising concern, and an oil drilling group.

Templar Claims Talks Suspended

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — Negotiations with the West German Government regarding compensation for former Templar property in Israel were temporarily suspended last Friday, the Custodian General, Mr. H. Kadmon, reported here today.

The stoppage followed the absence of agreement on the extent and form of many of the claims lodged by West Germany.

Mr. Kadmon, who returned today by L.A.I., refused to divulge details of the reasons which led to the suspension of the talks, saying that the next steps would be discussed here.

Landlady Locked In Bath By Tenant

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Michael Levinstein, of Tel Aviv, was bound over in IL.500 to be of good behaviour and "maintain the peace at home" for a year after Magistrate Y. Bohar today found him guilty of locking his landlady with whom he shares the apartment in a bathroom for a few hours.

Levinstein was detained on January 13 by a policeman who was called by neighbours of the house of 20 Rehov Stand who became alarmed by a woman's shrieks emanating from a bathroom window. The policeman found Mrs. Teitelbaum there. She told him, when she was released, that Levinstein had shut her in.

Levinstein pleaded guilty, saying that he locked Mrs. Teitelbaum in protest at her not letting him use the bathroom from 7.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily.

Gold Coins Found

A treasure was found last Tuesday under the ruins of an abandoned Arab house near Ein Karem. The house had been destroyed by the Public Works Department for road widening.

Two workers found a metal box containing Mandatory coins, gold sovereigns, roubles and other currencies. There also were some gold bracelets. The workers handed the treasure over to the police.

CABINET

(Continued from Page One)

the Government have already been named.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, reported on the decision taken in Miami Beach last week, by representatives of the American Jewish Community, to raise about $65m. for consolidating Israel's short-term debts.

Mr. Eshkol is expected to make a statement on the matter in his Budget Speech in the Knesset this afternoon.

The Cabinet Communique stated:

At its weekly session yesterday, the Cabinet discussed several laws connected with the Budget tabled in the Knesset.

The Ministerial Committee on Interior Affairs and Services was asked to investigate the demands of the institutions of higher education.

The Cabinet began a discussion of the Dayanim (Rabbinical Courts Judges) Law.

The appointments of Rabbi Ya'acov Berman and Mr. Shlomo Shapiro as members of the Religious State Education Council were approved. It was decided to appoint Dr. Giora Josephthal, Judge Eliahu Manny and Professor Y. Shaki as members of the Advisory Council for Institutions of Higher Education and Science.

The Defence Minister reported on the latest incidents along the border and the Finance Minister reported on activities to mobilize financial means in the U.S.

El Al Pays Its Way Without Subsidies

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — The annual conference of El Al commercial representatives from 14 countries opened at the Kastel Hotel here today with a review of the past year and of the aims before the Israel National Airline, delivered by its Managing Director, Mr. A. L. Pincus.

Mr. Pincus said that the Government would have to define its policy in order to balance the interests of the national airline with those of foreign airlines operating here. There was no point in conciliating the other airlines at the expense of El Al, he said.

During the past year Arab pressure had increased on foreign airlines to stop their flights to and from Israel, but only the Philippine Airlines had withdrawn from here, and they were shortly stopping all their international services. An increase in El Al's strength would lessen the danger of other air companies abandoning Israel, he said.

Mr. Pincus pointed out that other airlines received subsidies from their governments to make up for losses caused by political considerations, but this was not done by Israel.

Despite all the difficulties, El Al had managed to balance its budgets since its inception, and its turnover last year amounted to $8.5m., of which a third was in local currency.

Next year's turnover should amount to about $8m. with a larger amount in local currency as Israelis took over ever more from foreign experts. The time was soon coming when El Al could operate entirely with local personnel, he said.

The company's commercial manager, Dr. A. Rivkind, reported that during the past year there was a 21% increase in the number of passengers carried; a 17% increase in freight and a 14% rise in air-mail transported by the company.

Of the income last year, 76% was in foreign currency, as against 71% in the previous year. Two new branches were opened last year, in Germany and Amsterdam, with freight planes already flying a regular service to Holland, and a freight service was likely to be opened soon to West Germany. The company also has a representative in India.

The conference will continue for a week.

Cyclone Kills 18 In Australia

SYDNEY, Sunday (Reuter). — At least 18 persons are feared dead and more than a thousand homeless in floods following in the wake of a cyclone which has smashed its way down 1,600 kilometres of the Queensland and New South Wales coastline.

One thousand homeless are reported from Lismore, a New South Wales city of 15,000 which was in a gay festive mood just over a week ago for the visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

In answer to police appeals, Lincoln bombers and Dakotas are flying in blankets, food, and rescue equipment, including rubber dinghies.

Some of these are being parachuted to persons spotted on rooftops and high ground. Army "ducks" (amphibious motor vehicles) have also been sent to the city, one of the worst hit areas in the two States.

In Casino, another town visited by the Royal couple, unconfirmed reports say that six houses have been washed away and there are some deaths.

Two families are reported wiped out from flooded Kyogle in northern New South Wales where ten persons have died.

Agency Veteran Dies

Joseph Rabinovitch, 67, veteran Jewish Agency employee, previously employed by the Zionist Commission, died yesterday afternoon at his home in Beit Hakerem, Jerusalem. He is survived by a wife, two sons and a daughter.

The funeral procession is to start at 10:30 this morning from the deceased's home and will reach the Jewish Agency at 11.

Cables in Brief

RELEASED. — A Ukrainian Deputy Premier, Mr. Semyon V. Stefanik, has been released from his post and transferred to other duties, Odessa Radio reported today.

TRAPPED. — Tokyo police announced yesterday that rescue parties had given up hope of reaching 36 miners trapped in a pit flood late last night at Shiki on Kyushu Island, southern Japan.

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — British air firms admit receipt of a Saudi Arabian warning regarding planes that use Israel airfields, but none of them would comment.

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THERE are many interesting features in the announcement that the seventh year of the State of Israel is to be proclaimed a Hebrew Year, for the purpose of inculcating a knowledge of the language of the country among new immigrants.

A HEBREW YEAR

The programme for achieving this end should have far-reaching effects upon the life of the large numbers of adults who have up till now failed to acquire a working knowledge of the Hebrew language.

Among the proposals is one to arrange lessons over the radio. It is to be hoped that the time chosen for such lessons will take some account of realities. Thus morning broadcasts can be of little use to the working adult and it is a mistake to imagine that under present conditions of domestic life in Israel they can be of very much profit to the housewife, seeing that her mornings are normally spent in attending to tasks outside the house — shopping, part-time employment, and the like—which can only be done while children are at school. Either a special evening wave-length will have to be found for the express purpose of giving new immigrant programmes which, while having direct instruction in the Hebrew language as their prime purpose, will also give sufficient entertainment to make listening a pleasure

It should also be emphasized that if radio instruction is to be one of the instruments used in this new national project to inculcate the Hebrew language, nothing can be a stronger deterrent or discouragement than a badly planned programme.

Another suggestion is the production of a manual of Basic Hebrew to contain 1,000 words. Without seeing the volume in question it is difficult to form any judgment; but on general linguistic principles one thousand words is a very poor equipment indeed. It is but a percentage of the vocabulary of the average intelligent child of six. The other proposals for the wider dissemination of the Hebrew language properly follow all the tried lines, many of which have been very fruitful in bringing tens of thousands to a working acquaintance with both written and spoken Hebrew. They need no further comment at this point except to point out that hours at which Hebrew classes are to be fixed should not be set arbitrarily but should be made at times most convenient to the prospective pupils.

One of the plans being put forward by the Ministry of Education and Culture is to enrol volunteers to help in the work. It might be a useful preliminary if these volunteers were organized in the first instance not to teach at all but to conduct a very careful enquiry into the state of the nation's Hebrew knowledge. They should try to find what the actual number of people in need of instruction is, how they are grouped geographically and socially, what their educational background is, what times would be most suitable for them to study how much time they can give to the project, whether there is anyone in the household with sufficient knowledge and ability to direct private studies, and what medium of study would be likely to interest them most.

One of the functions of the army of volunteers might also be to follow up pupils when they have enrolled, to watch that they continue their studies and smooth out by personal contact difficulties which may arise which might prevent them from continuing once they have embarked on the adventure of acquiring the Hebrew language.

Armed with such information the Ministry would then be in an excellent position really to plan an offensive against ignorance of the Hebrew language. The bringing of a new tongue to nearly half the population is an entirely new problem and requires new methods of approach. The old appeal to the public by means of posters, advertisements and exhortations has not got us very far in the past and it is not likely to do so in the future.

DAY OF JUDGMENT

By RICHARD MOWRER

OCANA, Spain.—SITTING in the city hall of this windswept provincial town, a military court last week (Feb. 12, 1954) tried 11 Spanish Socialists for acts against the security of the State. By law, all trials except those involving treason or obscenity must be public. But hardly anyone except the relatives of those to be tried knew when or where this one would be, because this kind of information is omitted from the newspapers.

Occasionally though, word gets around. This time, here in Ocana, three foreign correspondents and two diplomatic observers were among the spectators who stood for three-and-a-half hours at the back of a small, unheated, rectangular chamber to watch the course of justice.

At one end of the room, eight army officers sat at tables to which faded red and yellow bunting had been tied. They put their caps on the table, but kept their khaki greatcoats on. On the wall behind them hung the arms of Spain, a crucifix, a picture of General Franco and a picture of José Antonio Primo de Rivera, founder of the Falange. The prisoners sat on benches facing the officers. Green-clad Civil Guards wearing the traditional three-cornered black patent-leather hats sat nearby, holding their rifles between their knees. We noticed a sprinkling of plain-clothesmen mingling with the 50-odd spectators.

'Military' Rebellion

Three of the Socialists were tried separately. They were charged with attempting to reorganize an executive Socialist committee, and with circulating illegal propaganda from abroad. Political offences of this kind come under the definition of military rebellion, even if neither arms nor violence is involved, and are therefore tried by military courts. A fourth Socialist, Tomas Centeno, would have been in the dock, too, except that he died while in detention just a few days after his arrest. A medical certificate was issued which said that Centeno's death was the result of "cardiac collapse due to great loss of blood from self-inflicted wounds."

The three defendants: Gonzales Gil, Mateo Garcia de Sancho, and Anselmo Plasencia Iglesias, had been arrested a year ago and had been in jail ever since, awaiting trial. The indictment against them was read and the three were briefly interrogated. Then the defence counsel, infantry captain Joaquin Gil Villares, took up the job of defending the prisoners, an unenviable assignment because in such a trial the defence is always handicapped by the difficulty of refuting, without sounding anti-regime, the prosecution's political speeches.

Captain Gil did not deny that the defendants had taken part in illegal political activities. But these men, he argued, had been led on by the real culprits who were safely abroad. These men were only puppets. He did not think the country had anything to fear from people like these. The nation was strong and could afford to be lenient. Then the three were escorted out.

Later we learned that Gonzales Gil was given 15 years, Garcia de Sancho ten, and Plasencia three. The time they have already spent in jail is deductible, and they can get time off for good behaviour and by volunteering for work. (Labour is not obligatory in Spanish prisons).

The second group of eight entered the room through a side-door and took their places on the benches facing the court. Their counsel was a young captain of the air force, Rafael Pazos Blanco. He defended them well, considering that his job was not made easier by the fact that all but two of the prisoners had previously been sentenced to 20 and 40 years and had been freed after serving a fraction of their time.

Defence Argument

The meeting of these men, Captain Pazos argued, had not been clandestine; they had met in a public house to receive contributors for the aid of distressed friends. Their ideas were admittedly leftist but not Muscovite. The prosecution, he said, was demanding their political affiliations, but these men had already been condemned once for this, and one should not condemn them merely for their convictions. At this point one of the diplomatic observers present, a veteran of many such trials, whispered to me that a year ago no defence council would have dared to be as aggressive as this air force captain.

The prosecution countered vigorously that the prisoners were not harmless and that they had deliberate revolutionary designs. Then, each in turn, the defendants were asked if they wished to say anything. Pascual Martinez Ruano, (for whom the prosecution demanded 30 years), stood up and said: "I have never indulged in politics but I did belong to unions when they were legal, and in spirit I still belong." Diego Bermejo Alvarez (the prosecution wanted 15 years for him) said it was not Martinez Ruano that he had given funds but to another prisoner, Angel Martinez Hernandez. Manuel Mercado Flores (for whom 12 years were demanded) vigorously insisted that he was completely innocent. Then the court was cleared and the judges withdrew to deliberate.

Goodbye to Wives

Outside in the plaza, we watched the handcuffed prisoners being assisted into the back of an open truck. The men sat on the floor, smiling and nodding at friends and relatives they saw in the crowd. Two of them took this chance to carry on a quick conversation with their wives, but they had to shout because of the wind. A young woman, very close to tears, shouted at one of the prisoners: "Oh, you crazy one!" He grinned cheerfully and an older woman turned to her and said gently: "No, he isn't crazy. He is a man." Then the truck drove off.

At lunch time we were informed of the court's decisions. Of the eight, one man, Domingo Aparicio Camarero, was sentenced to ten years, Martinez Ruano and another were given six years, and the rest two years. Mercado was acquitted. Like his companions, he had spent a year in jail awaiting trial. But he has no redress.

Spanish Notebook

Dynamics of a Long-Term Loan

By YA'ACOV ARDON

NEW YORK. — THE 10,000 strong Jewish community of Syracuse, N.Y. as a public body, has just contracted a $350,000, four per cent loan from local banks, repayable within five years in five equal instalments. Through the United Jewish Appeal, the $350,000 will be transferred to the Jewish Agency which will use it, as part of a $65.3m. total of loans contracted by practically every major and minor Jewish community throughout the United States, to convert Israel short-term into long-term debts and reduce the level of interest payable on them to less than half. Cautious economists have estimated the direct and indirect saving for Israel's economy resulting from the funding of the public debt, at $8m. a year. This string of loans is guaranteed by the Jewish communities as a committment additional to their regular contributions to the United Jewish Appeal.

Imagine the Municipality of Haifa going to the banks, asking for a IL.500,000 loan, guaranteeing repayment within five years and handing the money over to, say, Eilat for development purposes there. Haifa's prominent and generous businessmen, merchants, manufacturers and professional men in turn would guarantee to the Municipality to donate every year enough money to cover the five annual instalments, without asking or getting any favours in return. And they would make these gifts besides what they spend on public bonds, on local and country-wide welfare projects, on the Technion, the Hebrew University, etc.

How this extraordinary feat — an American Jewish phenomenon — is being accomplished in Syracuse and everywhere else throughout the U.S.A., I began to understand after I met Mr. Morris Berinstein, a resident of this city. He is a man in his early forties, over six feet tall and of powerful build. He was born into a wealthy family, remote from Zionism, but was nursed into it by his own observation and his strong emotions. He is by no means a very rich man, and not a few Jewish businessmen in Syracuse have much larger incomes. While the rank-and-file keep both their hands on the steering wheel and their eyes on the economic traffic signs, Mr. Berinstein's business acumen is preoccupied with the affairs of Israel that not only bring him no personal gain, but probably cost him a fortune through inattention to his own business. And this besides his personal contribution to the U.J.A.

For weeks on end, he flies from one city to another, starting in New York and finishing in Los Angeles and back again via a different route, staying in uncomfortable hotels (and not all hotels here conform to Hollywood glamour pictures), pleading with Jewish community heads, working and eating at irregular hours that sap his health and strength. Morris Berinstein is one of the foremost of a handful of men — if measured by the yardstick of personal sacrifice, probably the foremost — who have volunteered to persuade the Jews throughout the U.S.A. to saddle themselves collectively with substantial loans for the benefit of Israel's financial health. It is a truly Herculean task, and the pace of his labour is gruelling.

Magnificent Obsession

Berinstein starts off on the telephone in a New York hotel, calling dozens of men in all the towns along his route to meetings at certain dates. He then grasshops by plane to one after another and, in American parlance, "sells the idea" of the community loan to the men who matter. Mr. Berinstein's sales talk is persuasive, animated by a profound faith and deep feelings for the justice of his claims upon himself and others. His selfless sincerity disarms the most hardened resisters. When he rises to speak at a luncheon meeting, his personality and the magnificence of his obsession sweep the drowsy, the bored and the sceptics into enthusiasm and signatures on substantial cheques.

Mr. Berinstein is neither a dreamer nor a fanatic. His views on Jewish affairs in the U.S.A. and Israel are sober, often cuttingly realistic. There is in him none of the self-importance and verbosity that detract from so many of Israel's public men. He speaks of the conflicts in the pro-Israel movement of American Jewry without animosity, and personal setbacks have left him undismayed.

The results, for which mainly he, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, and Mr. Edward M.H. Warburg, who spearhead the funding loan campaign with the two Israel officials, Mr. Meir Sherman and Mr. Ted Kollek, deserve credit, have been nothing less than stupendous. The economic conference in Jerusalem, at which the idea was approved, was held on December 10. The group went into action in the first half of January. Within 30 days — and nights — the total sum for which Jewish communities in U.S.A. agreed to seek bank loans for the consolidation of Israel's public debt, has run up to over $40m. Mr. Berinstein expects that the $65m. target will be reached before Passover. That is an enormous amount of money, even by American standards. The number of American Jews who are helping Israel to a point where it hurts them is difficult to imagine for the man in the streets of Haifa, Tel Aviv or Jerusalem. Mr. Berinstein not only talks the Jewish communities into approval of the loan project, but he sees to it that they take action, that they go to the banks and get the money. He does not consider his share in the campaign finished until the signatures are dry on the loan agreements.

The radiation of this campaign on the political relations between the U.S.A. and Israel is unmistakable. That men like Morris Berinstein and many other like him devote their time and their money to aid Israel, adds incalculably to our country's prestige in the eyes of the American administration. In the U.S.A., time is not only money, but lot of money, and a country that inspires men like him and others with him to sacrifice both so freely with no expectation of any return for their services—such a country cannot fail in the long run to win the respect of the top men in the offices of the U.S. Government. Israel owes a great debt to such Jews, and our public should learn the full facts about them, to enable it to pass an informed judgment on the American — Jewish scene.

Readers' Letters

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Many readers will welcome your editorial demand of today to take politics out of municipal affairs.

If "old" settlers are to be roused from their passivity and "new" residents given a sense of direct identification with their neighbourhood and its elected representatives, a living link must be created between the voters and the Town Council. The citizen needs to feel that the problems of his own locality receive the careful attention of men and women who have been directly elected as District Counsellors, and not of impersonal political party head offices.

A system of election by districts would oblige every political party to choose candidates who could be relied on to display an intimate concern, after the elections, with the legitimate demands of their total electorate, irrespective of party or other affiliation.

In time, the measure of a good councillor would be the degree to which he showed a sense of responsibility towards his constituents. His party's prestige and chances of success at the next election would grow in direct proportion to his own reputation and performance.

Here in Jerusalem we have a most unfortunate example of local government paralysed by party political strife. For lack of a system of district representation, the average citizen feels helpless to correct the situation, and develops the impression that municipal affairs are debated and managed not on their merits, but by reference to narrow party interests. An alert group of councillors, elected by quarters, would be more likely than the present Council to effect radical improvements in Town Hall organization and in the performance of the permanent staff.

Yours etc.,
LUCIEN HARRIS

Jerusalem, February 8.

UNMENTIONED ARTISTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wonder why, on many occasions when the inauguration of a building or monument is mentioned in The Jerusalem Post, the name of the artist or architect is sometimes omitted.

In your issues of February 4 and 5, you note the presentation of a bust of Brandeis to the Hebrew University and give a picture of it, but the artist is not named. Some weeks ago there was an item on the inauguration of the new Zion Hotel in Haifa and there, too, the architect (Mr. H. Fanchel, who also planned the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv) was not mentioned. The same thing happened with the Baron Rothschild Memorial in Hebron (architect, O. Schiller) and the laying of the foundation stone of the Bar Ilan University (architect, Schragenheim). Why not give the names of these artists? Yours etc.,

Dr. KARL SCHWARZ

Tel Aviv, February 7.

RAMBLER'S FAN

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As an ardent fan of Mr. Th. M. Meysels, I cannot refrain from voicing my indignation at the scathing and unsportsmanlike criticism of "Rambler's Notebook" written by Dr. Y. Bentor.

"Rambler's Notebook" is one of the highlights of *The Jerusalem Post* and has made an important contribution to "knowing Israel" for readers both at home and abroad.

Mr. Meysels lays no claim to specialised knowledge but presents Israel in an informative, interesting and readable manner. His works are of the highest standard and are based on his personal findings. If he is misinformed this cannot be attributed to irresponsible reporting. Journalists invariably have to rely on what they are told by responsible authorities.

Yours etc.,
S. ROBERT ABRAHAM
Editor,
"Ashkelon Reborn".

Ascalon, February 9.

EXCAVATION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was delighted to read in *The Jerusalem Post* this morning that I resumed the excavations at Tel Abu Matar, near Beersheba, yesterday.

It is true that the French Archaeological Mission is planning a new season at this site in cooperation with the Ha'aretz Museum, Tel Aviv, but there are as yet some difficulties to be overcome. Yours, etc.,

JEAN PERROT

Jerusalem, February 10.

VEGETARIAN UNION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. Hanworth Walker, Secretary of the International Vegetarian Union, 247 Tottenham Court Road, London, W.1, England will arrive in Israel on March 10 for a visit to our country. Any institution, union kibbutz or kvutza interested in having him lecture should invite him by writing to the above address or through the Israel Embassy, Mr. Michael Arnon, Press Attache, 18 Manchester Square, London, W.1.

Yours, etc.,
PINCHAS NABION

Rishon le Zion, February 8.

Police Say Smuggling Robs State of Huge Sums

By DAN MENDELSOHN

WHEN a few months ago a young woman by the name of Feigi was caught in Belgium with a large quantity of smuggled diamonds it was suspected that these originated in Israel, although the affair was then kept secret. Some time ago, the police were alerted to the smuggling of diamonds through the Lebanon, following the capture of an infiltrator on his way home with the stones. He said that they had been given to him here, and the police traced their origin to Tel Aviv.

But diamond smuggling, which received so much publicity in the wake of the arrest of Ruth Hacohen in New York last Thursday, with over $100,000 worth of diamonds on her person, is merely another method of currency smuggling and not the most important, Economic Police superintendent M. Goldman told us in a special interview.

Currency smuggled out of Israel through illegal financial transfers totalling some $500,000 between 1950 and 1953 gained some publicity a few weeks ago with the arrest of four rabbis allegedly involved in the illegal transfers. Extensive smuggling of textiles amounting to tens of thousands of dollars was also uncovered, while investigation continues. Known cases of currency smuggling through funds remittances, camouflaged "investments" and diamond and textile running have so far involved close to a million dollars.

The foreign currency gained from the legal export of diamonds cut in Israel—mostly dollars, since the U.S. is the main purchaser in the world — is the differential between the price at which we sell them and the sum, also in foreign currency, for which we buy the raw diamonds abroad. It is roughly equivalent to the earnings of the diamond cutters paid here in our currency.

Goods in Exchange

When cut diamonds are smuggled and sold illegally, the foreign currency for which they could be sold is lost to us. The dollars made in the U.S. from their sale are kept there, or else scarce consumer goods are bought there with them and shipped back to Israel. Even more important, however, is the loss of currency paid out of Israel for the unauthorized purchase of the rough diamonds. Thus, the smuggling out of Israel of $100,000 in diamonds also means the loss of a large percentage of this capital in cheaply sold Israel pounds.

In addition to cheapening the value of Israel currency in world exchanges, and stealing hard currencies which should have entered the Treasury, diamond running and other forms of currency smuggling hamper foreign currency controls and undermine the effective control of actual imports and investment.

Four rabbis who seem to have been connected with a group which organized currency smuggling through the illegal purchase of dollars in the U.S. were arrested a few months ago after a long investigation. The racket was allegedly operated partly under the respectable cover of several Yeshivot, which was a convenient one because the latter receive many contributions from abroad, and nothing could be easier than using or faking their lists.

Some of the Yeshivot, hard-pressed for funds, welcomed the opportunity of receiving some money. Others were connected with professional smugglers, who had little regard for the State of Israel, or, as some would say, for religion itself. The U.S. connection was made through relatives, rabbis, and other Yeshivot.

Crates of documents incriminating suspect rabbis, heads of Yeshivot, and their treasurers, still occupy Mr. Goldman's room at National Police Headquarters in Tel Aviv. Four Yeshivot were found to have falsified their accounts, using fictitious names of dead persons in their contributor lists. Among those allegedly making bequests were "Hazon Ish" and the author Moshe Smilansky, neither of whom had left anything to the Yeshiva. Others used the ingenious method of breaking up large sums into little five and ten-pound donations written out in the names of known regular contributors.

The method of operation was the following: Israelis wishing to transfer their money abroad would contact a smuggling organizer, providing him with the address of a trusted friend or relative in the U.S., who then received the sum in dollars from the organizer's American correspondent. The rate of exchange was steep, of course. The smugglers used special codes, usually based on Biblical names, to designate the sums and other details of the transaction.

Refrigerator Deal

Instead of transferring his funds abroad, an Israeli might have wanted to purchase goods abroad that were hard to get. Such was the recently publicized case of a Tel Aviv insurance agent, detained for acting as intermediary in the distribution of dozens of refrigerators from America. Buyers dispatched letters to fictitious relatives in the U.S., whose names were supplied to them by the ring, telling them of their plight without a refrigerator. "Gifts" would then arrive from the "relatives" — after the buyer had remitted his payment to the agents.

The system worked in reverse with would-be investors interested in obtaining Israel pounds cheaply for use in this country. The agents would contact them, offer them rates far more advantageous than those set by the Ministry of Finance until the recent devaluations, and open accounts in their name in Israel banks. The Economic Police have a record of $250,000 thus invested by the rich members of one community that had immigrated to Israel.

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Neve Yemin: A Symptom of Malaise

By S. SION

AT first glance, Neve Yemin is a dream come true. Jews from several countries, India, Greece, Turkey, live in this workers' village, established for new immigrants by the Jewish Agency.

The root of the problem lies in the contribution to the success of a village by the individual member who must be educated to become truly eligible for the title of *hover*. Three decades ago, immigrants creating a new village were conscious of the aims of their new way of life. To them, the rehabilitation of the soil meant the rebirth of the homeland, the resurrection of a nation. They were willing to face hardships, because they had ideals which made difficulties seem unimportant. Village life meant a life of fraternity, mutual help and culture.

Today, villages are set up not individually but *en masse*, and because members are not educated for such life they cannot prove satisfactory. At best, such a villag may turn out to be 'not unsatisfactory.'

The people of Neve Yemin are simply not integrated into the village. They are members only in the most superficial meaning of that term. Most of them barely know the word Socialism and those who do, do not bother to work for it. Thus, the weak are pushed aside rather than helped, and families where only one person can work, hesitate between going to work on the land or getting work for a salary. If they adopt the latter, and from their immediate point of view more realistic, course, they mock the idea of the *moshav ovdim*.

Instructors sent to the village by the Jewish Agency did a most unsatisfactory job on the whole. The first man knew nothing about running and administering a unit; the second and third were capable persons, but they could do little ones the rot had set in. One, a social worker called Ida, tried to bring harmony and success to Neve Yemin. She worked hard and helped the poor (often out of her own purse). She was called a "flower whose fragrance sweetened the hot dusty air of the desert of human relationships." After these two had left, a notentity took their place, for a while. When the village was two-and-a-half years old, the authoritive land in reserve. Some families do, in fact, live entirely through working their plots. Not one secretary of the village has remained to till the land after relinquishing his post.

The conclusion to be drawn from this one village is that we must immediately re-examine our system of agriculture in the new villages: as a nation we are not economically sound enough simply to stand and stare at our failures.

KEEPING POSTED

WE learn through dispatches from Berlin that the U.S. Secretary of State considerably embarrassed the management of his hotel by insisting on large daily doses of freshly pressed orange juice. We seem to remember that Mr. Dulles sharply criticised the lack of Coca Cola during his short visit to Israel and refused at the time to be consoled with local orange juice. Some commentators on foreign affairs even went so far as to connect his not too friendly comments on Israel with the alleged fact that it was in order to protect the citrus industry that the Israel Government did not encourage the establishment of a Coca Cola plant here. The Berlin caterers, in any case, probably considered themselves covered by the presence of a large Coca Cola plant in West Berlin. Mr. Dulles is obviously what the hotel trade refers to as a difficult guest. East German journalists will probably now explain away any failure of the Berlin talks by the fact that no orange trees grow *Unter den Linden*.

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GOVERNMENTS come and governments go, but the character of a nation changes but little. The only thing that seems to vary is the value of currency or the price of a pact. We were strongly reminded of both prices and tradition by a report from Cairo last week which recalled the good old days when we were offered for only a few piastres in Cairo during the war. The Revolutionary Junta's announcement that anyone spending more than LE5,000 at the auction of Farouk's stamp collection would be allowed to inspect the fat boy's gallery of pornography is right in line . . . . government and prices change, but the Egyptians seem to be carrying on more or less as usual.

THE powers that be in the Old City of Jerusalem are evidently a little more conservative than their colleagues in Cairo. While the four Beauty Queens who arrived there this week (they are from Paris, Norway, Sweden and the Middle East Queen herself, who is evidently French) are a sensation in Jordan, the Old City and Amman Press carrying their pictures on the front pages and going into minute detail about their description (sample: colour of eyelashes), the Moslem Ulamas council in the Old City is urging Amman to draft a bill prohibiting adolescents from attending certain cinema performances and to prevent screening of movies "not in strict conformation with the character and ethical standards of Islam."

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WE still remember the time a distinguished British General, paraphrasing an even more distinguished French General, referred to the Yishuv as a nation of mercenary shopkeepers. Last week an acquaintance of ours, while shopping at the greengrocers, spotted a specimen of that rare, practically extinct (in Israel) fruit, the coconut, and thought to give his family a surprise treat. The price, he was told, was IL.1,500, but with a condition — the sale could only be effected after half an hour. "You see," the shopkeeper explained, "just a few minutes ago a customer was intent on buying that coconut, the only one we have left. He wanted it for his small son, who might never again have the opportunity of examining such an exotic museum piece. However the price was quite beyond his means, and he begged me to give him a half hour in which to bring the child from school in order to show it to him. I can't disappoint him."

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ONE of the recent visitors to Dr. Weizmann's grave at Rehovot was a Catholic priest, who arrived with his class from an Ulpan, where he is studying Hebrew with other adult students. On reaching the vicinity of the grave, he courteously removed the silver crucifix he was wearing. It would not be appropriate, he told his Jewish companions, to enter a Jewish holy place wearing a cross.

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WIFE of a friend of ours was repeatedly calling her offspring to the breakfast table.

The child, standing intently in the bathroom door, seemed not to hear. The exasperated mother finally got him by the ear and demanded "When are you coming to breakfast?" "Just a moment," replied her son and heir, "I'm waiting for abba to cut himself with the razor."

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